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ORATORICAL AND MUSIC CONTEST

Colored Universities, Colleges and High Schools to Try for Prizes.

Allen Chapel to Be the Scene of Contest in Oratory and Music on January 29.

With the spirit of unequalled school rivalry, the various institutions which are to participate in the Oratorical and Musical Contest, to take place at Allen Chapel on Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock, are rounding into shape. Splendid specimens of oratorical effusions are anticipated from representatives of the schools, whilst the different Glee Clubs will furnish a repertoire of songs out of the ordinary in their efforts to land the "cup" which the N. A. A. C. P. is offering for the best rendition of oration or song. One for music and one for oratory. Question: Who is going to win the several prizes of the following schools? Our own Lincoln High, Topeka Industrial Institute, Western University, George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., Bartlett High School, St. Joseph, Mo., Lincoln High School, Sedalia, Mo., Muskogee High School or the Columbia (Mo.) High School. Here is a galaxy of Negro institutions which embrace some of the race's most promising talent. They will no doubt give an excellent entertainment for the evening. Anyhow we will see "Who is Who." Among the several participants, naturally local favor is leaning toward our own Glee Club, but to say the least they will meet with some difficulty in winning the cup from the foreign contestants, as they will certainly bring strong contenders. The affair is designed to be an annual one and is fostered and promoted by Kansas City's progressive people. Tickets are being sold by teams of the Association who have a contest among themselves for a suitable prize. Date, Monday, January 29; place, Allen Chapel; time, 8:30 p. m.; admission, 25 cents.

Shot By White Man for Walking Down Street With Colored Woman.

Jacksonville, Fla., Wednesday night, at 10:30 o'clock, Samuel Johnson, a young man of good conduct, was shot and seriously wounded by a white man for walking down the street with a colored woman. Johnson knew the young woman well and had been keeping company with her for some time. On Wednesday night they were out for a walk and a shot was fired and the man fell beside the young woman. A policeman heard the shot and saw the white man as he fired. The white man said to the officer: "I just shot a nigger who was with my wench." The policeman was "tipped" and the white man made his "get-away."

Note—Our readers may draw their own conclusions.



MR. LEONARD JOHNSON.
One of the Most Highly Respected
Masons in Kansas City and a Valued
Trustee in Allen Chapel.

Miss Ruth Bradley, the charming young miss from Kansas City, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones, 6442 St. Lawrence avenue. Last Sunday she was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jones with a ten-course dinner. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. George Cleveland Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jamieson, Cary B. Lewis and Little Hirtense Hall. On Wednesday night of this week she was the guest of the Century Whist club at the home of Mrs. S. A. T. Watkins on Calumet avenue—Chicago Defender.

MR AND MRS. C. C. CLARK ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Alma A. Clark of St. Louis, Mo., Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star and first vice president of the State Federation of Colored Women's clubs left Kansas City on Tuesday morning of this week in company with her husband, Crittenden C. Clark, after a visit of eleven days as the guest of Mrs. Fred W. Dabney, 1806 East 24th street.

Mrs. Clark arrived in the city on the morning of New Year's day and from the time of her arrival to the time of her departure, every available minute was taken with a continuation of social festivities arranged by her numerous friends. Seldom has a visitor to our city been accorded a more royal welcome or called upon to undergo a more strenuous program of entertainment. Her first affair was a dancing party on New Year's night at the residence of Mrs. Fred W. Dabney which was attended by the Ochya Girls and the Bachelor Boys. On Saturday night Mrs. Maggie Robinson, 2317 Woodland, entertained at cards. Sunday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. K. Love, 2418 Flora avenue gave a dinner in her honor. On Monday night Miss Clara Holland entertained at cards and dancing at the residence of her father, 2423 Grove street. This ended the entertainment until Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dabney gave a card party in her honor. On Wednesday afternoon she was the guest of Clio Art club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pullman, 2427 Grove street and on Wednesday evening at a card party given by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. K. Love, Mrs. G. C. Mason, 3419 East 21st street entertained at 12:00 o'clock dinner for her and the Phyllis Wheatley Art club had her in the afternoon at 2:30 as the guest at the residence of Mrs. F. J. Weaver, 2635 Euclid avenue. Thursday night, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hobbs entertained at cards and luncheon at 1804 East 24th street Friday being the beginning of her second week in Kansas City, things began to lag and aside from being entertained by the morning Whist club at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Dibble, 1729 Michigan avenue at 11:30 a. m., the City Federation of Colored Women's clubs at Garrison Square Field House at 2:30 in the afternoon, the Carnation Art club at the residence of Mrs. Roland Huff, 4146 Warwick Boulevard at 4:30 in the afternoon, Mrs. Richard Allen, 2324 Highland avenue at a card party and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. L. Bailey, 2620 Euclid avenue at a dancing party in the evening, Mrs. Clark hadn't another place to go all day.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Clark was joined by her husband, the genial Crittenden C. Clark who, in addition to being the most prosperous Attorney in St. Louis, is Grand Attorney of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons, who made the trip from St. Louis in order that he might attend the dancing party given in honor of Mrs. Clark at Lyric hall Saturday night by Messrs. W. C. Houston, J. E. Herfford, Wm. H. Dawley, Jr., Geo. W. K. Love, and Fred W. Dabney Monday was spent as guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McCampbell at Quindaro, Kansas and a visit was paid Western university where Eugene, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, is attending school.

At 5:30 Monday afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Thompkins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Dabney at dinner. The festivities were concluded on Monday night with a card party and luncheon at the residence of Nelson C. Crews, 2624 Highland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a host of friends in Kansas City who are always glad to see them come and sorry when they leave.

A pretty little romance had its climax in the marriage of little Miss Juanita Mae Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hunter, of 4124 Lucky street, to Aaron Lloyd, Jr., son of Grand Chancellor A. W. Lloyd, on Monday, December 21, 1914 at East St. Louis, Ill. Rev. I. S. Stone officiating. The young people took advantage of the absence from the city of the bride's father, and when he returned there was nothing to be said but "God bless you, my children," which he did in his usual genial way of adapting himself to all circumstances. The Argus wishes these young people a happy and prosperous voyage on the matrimonial sea.—St. Louis Argus.

BISHOP GRANT MEMORIAL DAY.

The Bishop Grant Memorial Day will be observed under the auspices of the Ministerial Alliance of greater Kansas City, Friday, January 22, 1915, at 2 p. m., at the First A. M. E. Church, Eighth and Nebraska, Kansas City, Kans. Rev. J. R. Ransom, D. D., Pastor.

PROGRAM.

Selection.....Chorus of Western University
Invocation.....Rev. W. A. Bowen
Scripture Lesson.....Rev. W. C. Williams
Selection.....Chorus Western University
Prayer.....Rev. M. I. Warfield
Song, "I'll Be Present When the Roll is Called".....Congregation
Introductory Remarks.....Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Wm. H. Thomas
Bishop Grant—"The Man".....Dr. H. T. Kealing
Bishop Grant—"The Minister".....Dr. J. C. Owens
Bishop Grant—"The Presiding Elder".....Dr. J. F. McDonald
Bishop Grant—"The Bishop".....Dr. Wm. H. Peck
Bishop Grant—"The Citizen".....Judge I. S. Bradley
Bishop Grant—"The Layman's Friend".....Hon. N. C. Crews
Bishop Grant—"The Race Leader".....Dr. S. W. Escote
Bishop Grant—"The Educator".....Prof. J. M. Marquess
Bishop Grant—"The Founder of Douglass Hospital".....Dr. S. H. Thompson
Selection.....Chorus of Western University
"Last Scenes of the Life of Bishop Grant".....Dr. J. R. Ransom
Offering.....J. R. RANSOM, President.
WILLIAM H. THOMAS, Chairman,
Program Committee.

WEIR, KANSAS.

Little Lonnie Shaw, 16 years of age met with an accident by falling while at work in a coal mine at Hastings, Colo. His body was shipped here for burial. The funeral was held from St. John's Baptist church, Rev. R. E. Tanner of Cherokee officiated....Mrs. Bondwell, mother of Rev. Edward Eastman of this city, died January 6 and her funeral was held at the A. M. E. church, Rev. Davis officiated....Mr. R. C. Chatman reports a grand time at Junction City, where the Grand lodge of Odd Fellows was held....Both churches are taking on added enthusiasm with their work for the new year.



MAJOR GENERAL R. R. JACKSON OF CHICAGO, ILL.
Commander in Chief of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias and Member of Illinois State Legislature Who Received a Flattering Vote for Speaker of the House.

BLIND BOONE COMPANY PLEAS.

Large Crowd Gathered to Hear Blind Musician.

The large crowd of 500 people who attended the concert given by Blind Boone and his company at the Christian church last night, went away more than pleased with the evening's program. Boone is more than a musician; he is a genius who has no equal in his class. His mastery of music in spite of his blindness, his ability to copy the most difficult pieces upon hearing them once, his drawing large crowds time after time in the same place, put him in a class by himself.

According to his custom Boone extended an invitation for anyone to play a piece of their own selection, which he would copy. Miss Adaline Lang played a very difficult piece of her own composition. One could see that Boone took in the whole thing, and when the time came, he played it almost identically the same, with the exception of using his individual touch. He thanked Miss Lang saying that she was a musician of rare ability.

The program was made up of everything from classics to camp-meeting songs. Boone showed his ability in all. Miss Fuell and Miss Wesley sang several pleasing numbers. Boone also did some singing. A monologue by Miss Fuell and a negro mammy song by Miss Wesley were especially good. The best on the whole evening's program were Boone's rendering of "Whispering Winds" and "The March of the Tornado," his own composition. The complete program follows: The German Triumphant March. Whispering Winds. Camp-meeting songs—Boone. Military Polka—Coplin. Last Dream a White—Boone. Masses in de Cold. Cold Ground and encore—Miss Fuell. H. Trotter—Gotschank. Old Kentucky Home with variation—Boone. Mocking Bird—Boone. I'll Come Back When You Gather the Sheaves. What D'You Mean You Have Lost Your Dog—Miss Wesley.

Spingarn Reception; Band Concert.

Monday, January 12, in the big auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building on Paseo, P. Prof. J. Simpson of "New Abolition" fame will speak. Capt. N. Clark Smith of Western University (former musical director of the touring Tuskegeans), will introduce his now W. U. band in a concert before the reception. Concert beginning at 8:30 p. m. All given under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Admission free.

LAWYER, KANSAS.

The many friends of Mrs. Janette Frye Jackson will regret to learn of her death, January 7. She was laid to rest Thursday, January 7, in Oak Hill cemetery....Rev. J. M. Brown of Topeka, Kansas, was in town Thursday....Miss Bertie Ellis entertained the 500 club at her home Saturday, January 9....Mr. C. M. Harris of Denver, Colo., was a guest of Miss Lena Hines during the holidays....The Roe Omegas of Kansas university gave a dance party Saturday afternoon at the M. and M. hall....Miss Lillian Hardwick of Oswatimie, Kansas, a nurse at the sanitarium visited Miss Lena Hines....Mrs. W. C. Brown and Miss Frances Kealing attended the inauguration of Gov. Capper Monday.

Specials at Smith's Pharmacy for this Week.

25c Massatta Talcum Powder, 15c.
25c Black Draught, 15c.
25c Sachet Powder, 15c.
10c Hair Nets, 5c.
\$1 Dr. Caldwell's Syrup of Peppin, 85c.
10c Talcum Powder, 5c.
\$1 Lydia E. Pinkam's Vegetable Compound, 85c.
25c DeWitt's Toilet Cream, 20c.
25c DeWitt's Golden Liniment, 20c.
Beauty Spots, 10c.
HAIR GOODS.
25c Bangs, 25c.
50c Double Braids, 40c.
\$1 Tote Transformation, 75c.
\$2 Half Wigs, \$1.50.
50c Switches, 40c.
SODA FOUNTAIN SPECIALS.
We serve ice cream soda the year round.
Tango sundae on a blazer, 15c.
Ice cream soda, any flavor, 5c.
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Hot beef tea, 5c.
We have just received a large shipment of human hair goods—straightening and drying combs—Madam Walker's Hair Preparations—combs and brushes—playing cards—syringes—rubber gloves—High Brown powder—Alda and Elite Pomades—watches, clocks and manicure sets—tooth brushes and perfumes—stage make-up. The ladies are specially invited to come and look over our large assortment of human hair goods.

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GREAT MEETING MARKS CLOSE OF SECOND YEAR.

The second annual meeting of the Yates Branch of the Young Women's Christian association held on Thursday evening, January 7, 1915, in the Auditorium of Summer High school eclipsed anything that has been held by the association. The crowd which gathered early was large and representative. Prominent among the auditors was Mrs. Eddy, mother of Sherwood Eddy noted religious leader. Mrs. Ann Scruggs conducted spirited devotional exercises which included the invocation by the Rev. D. A. Holmes Scripture lesson by Mrs. Scruggs and congregational singing of Coronation and Come Thou Almighty King with Miss Jessie Ewing as accompanist....Mrs. F. K. Douglass president of the board of management was the presiding genius and the program was carried out as follows: Reading minutes of first annual meeting by Mrs. Dorsey Green, recording secretary; report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. N. Freeman; report of the general secretary, Lydia C. Smith; instrumental solo by Miss Jessie Ewing; address by Miss Mildred C. Mitchell general secretary Central Y. M. C. A.; vocal solo by Miss Effie T. Grant instructor in voice culture at Western university and at the Yates Y. M. C. A.; address by Mrs. Kathryn Willard Eddy president of the Central Y. M. C. A.; rendition of three numbers by the "Gym girls" of the high school group. Each number was liberally applauded. The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. W. P. Mims of the committee instead of Miss S. A. Chinn who was too ill to be in attendance. It recommended the reelection of the five members whose terms expired and Mrs. Belle Hyde was elected for a period of two years to fill an unexpected vacancy. The five members re-elected for a term of three years are: Mrs. Dorsey Green, Mrs. J. H. Claybourne, Mrs. D. F. Harris, Mrs. Ann Scruggs and Mrs. S. C. Jones completing 15 members of the board for this year. The report of the treasurer showed: receipts \$855.27; expenditures, \$843.18. Balance December 31, \$12.09.
The reports further showed that in the second year composed of between ten months to close with the fiscal year that without any income from entertainments there was an increase of \$133.32 over the first year of twelve months. The tale of the work for the year in various departments and the entire association was told in brief by the report of the General Secretary which can be seen on request at the office of the Yates Y. M. C. A. 5th & State. The report told of the three gymnasium classes one in beauty culture and one in voice culture. It cited instances of good times and relief work and announced that the Yates branch of the Y. M. C. A. wants to be of service to every woman and girl in Kansas City and to those coming for any reason to this city. The year just closed gave much for which to be thankful and our vision for larger things in the future makes us willing to go forward trusting fully in Him who said "Not by might nor by power; by my spirit said he Lord of hosts." Every woman, girl or boy in the vast audience at the annual meeting was proud of the Yates Y. M. C. A. and its splendid showing in both reports and program. Each of those should be a booster daily for its varied interests—Let us thank God for peace and good will which prevail.

LYDIA C. SMITH,
General Secretary.



HON. I. H. BRADBURY.
The Most Noted Politician in the City of St. Louis, a Real Leader of His People and a Mason of High Degree.

OCHYA GIRLS' PARTY.

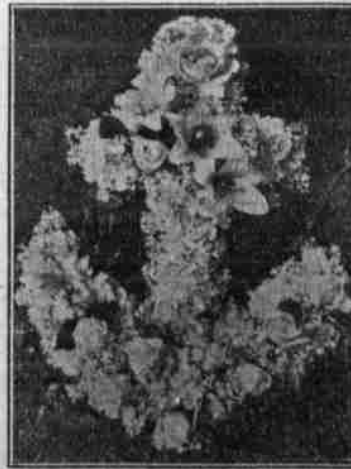
One of the most delightful dancing parties given during the Christmas holiday season was that of the "Ochya Girls," the leaders in Kansas City's social life among the younger set. The name of the club is of Japanese origin and reduced to English means everlasting. Its selection was propitious for when it comes to being everlasting original, everlastingly unique and everlastingly charming this club is everlastingly in the lead.
Every feature of the entertainment bore the stamp of originality. The invitation was a three fold folder with an envelope flap. The bid was printed on the center fold and to the right of it in Japanese type and in keeping with Japanese custom was printed the word "Ochya"; the top and bottom folds enclosed the bid and were fastened by a gold seal bearing the letter "O" thus doing away with the necessity for using the customary envelope.

The program of dances was made up of sixteen numbers. In addition to fifteen of the latest and most popular dances of the season a special number, the Ochya waltz was featured.

About 250 guests were entertained by the club at this party and each person enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. A notable feature was the large number of out of town guests in attendance, many of whom came to Kansas City especially for this occasion. A partial list of persons in attendance from out of the city is as follows:

Dr. G. B. Key, St. Louis; Dr. Frank A. Pearl, Atchison, Kans.; Dr. Williams, Atchison, Kans.; Prof. S. McElwain, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Paul Crosthwait, Chicago; Messrs. Wm. McKnight, Excelsior Springs, Mo.; Virgil Ward, Nashville, Tenn.; D. Crosthwait, Marshalltown, Ia.; Franklin Bradley, Lawrence, Kans.; S. Rhodes, Blue Springs, Mo.; Blyden Yates, Iowa; Sherman Scruggs, Topeka, Kans.; Johnson, Wichita, Kans.; E. Evans, Iowa; E. Baker, Lawrence, Kans.; Seymour Williams, Misses Alice Simms, St. Louis, Mo.; E. Rhodes, Blue Springs, Mo.; Ann Crosthwait, St. Louis, Mo.; Virginia Frierson, Wichita, Kans.; Edna Schweich, Wichita, Kas.; Bessie Gray, Salt Lake City, Utah; Hazel Hurst, Lawrence, Kas.; Maude Glover, Ft. Scott, Kas.; Genevieve Wilson, Manhattan, Kas.; Grace Middleton, Manhattan, Kas.; M. Carter, Manhattan, Kas.; Mesdames Bertrude Ball, Lexington, Mo.; and Bertha Pendleton, Brookfield, Mo.

The Ochya Girls is composed of fifteen ladies of the younger set with Miss Viola Robinson, a teacher in Wendell Phillips school, as president. The members are: Misses Alberta Wells, Jeannette Green, Annabel Montgomery, Ethelna Wilson, Effie Peniston, Neosho Venerable, Josephine Yates, Josephine Martin, Edna Hill, Harriett Wallace, Clara Holland, Nellie Bulwark, and Mrs. Edna Herndon Lee. Mrs. Wm. McKnight, Chaperon. Each member of the club was a member of the arrangement committee and each was especially faithful in their efforts to make the affair the grand social success that it was.



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